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SUBJECT: JULY 27 SPANISH DINNER FOR NATO PERMREPS

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1. SYG LUNS, D/SYG PANSA, AND PERMREPS OR CHARGES FROM MOST NATO MISSIONS ATTENDED DINNER HOSTED BY SPANISH AMBASSADOR JULY 27 ON OCCASION OF VISIT TO BRUSSELS BY FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA TO PRESENT SPAIN'S APPLICATION TO NEGOTIATE FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC, CEMA AND EURATOM (REF C).

2. OREJA IN BRIEF REMARKS NOTED THAT THE CORTES IN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ULTIMATELY WILL HAVE TO DECIDE THE QUESTION OF SPANISH ENTRY INTO NATO, AND THAT BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH THE US WOULD BE A MAJOR CONSIDERATION. IN RESPONSE, LUNS CONGRATULATED SPAIN ON ITS PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND INDICATED THAT ENTRY INTO NATO IS A QUESTION THE SPANIARDS THEMSELVES WILL HAVE TO DECIDE, BUT HE LEFT LITTLE DOUBT THAT A SPANISH APPLICA-
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TION WOULD BE FAVORABLY RECEIVED.

3. ATMOSPHERE AT THE DINNER WAS EXCELLENT, WITH MOST PARTICIPANTS APPEARING TO SENSE THAT IT REPRESENTED A WATERSHED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE ALLIANCE. NO ONE SUGGESTED THAT SPAIN IS PUSHING EITHER TOO HARD OR TOO FAST.

4. SUCH A DINNER WOULD HAVE BEEN INCONCEIVABLE A FEW MONTHS AGO. NOW IT SEEMS ALMOST NATURAL. DESPITE QUESTIONS AS TO WHICH SIDE SHOULD MAKE THE FIRST PUBLIC MOVE, IT IS INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT A SPANISH DECISION TO SEEK ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE SYMPATHETICALLY RECEIVED. BENNETT

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